



# Duvall News

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community:

This is the one month that my wife and I are excited about. The boys head back to school and we get to think back to the great events that occurred over the summer. The first was Summer Stage. I have heard from a number of folks how they very much appreciated all the hard work of the Duvall Cultural Commission under the leadership of Kass Holdeman. I know I can speak for the City Council and myself in commending their efforts. With a limited budget they really put together a great series of concerts. Another great event was Movies in the Park, sponsored by Kristi Irwin of REMax and Peggy Kahler of Bank of America. Both of these folks not only financed the event, but they worked really hard so all of us could enjoy a couple of nice evenings of movies. Both were a big hit for many families.

Another big event that occurred over two different days was the grand re-opening of Main Street. Mayor Pro-Tem Elizabeth Walker did a great job at both of these events. It was fun to see pictures of folks dancing in the street. I know it was the warmest week of the year for us, but that did not stop folks from turning out to celebrate. In speaking with different business owners they are very much appreciating the new look and feel of our downtown. I would encourage all of you to stop by and check out the new look of Duvall. Many folks have commented how great it looks. So check it out, grab a bite to eat and shop at the different stores. I know the business owners would appreciate you stopping by.

The City of Duvall is working on branding itself better, so in the coming months you will see more information about it. One of items we are working on is a survey asking folks why they moved to Duvall. So if you are asked to fill out the survey, please do. We really want to hear from you.

September is also a big month for my friend Conrad Robertson. He and all of the teachers, administrators, and staff are heading back to school. So while you are driving to work in the mornings, please look out for kids waiting at the bus stops.

Finally, I will be at CC's Espresso on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 9-10:30am for anyone that wants to stop by and visit with me.

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## SCHOOL IS IN - SAFETY REMINDER



It is that time of the year that our sidewalks and street corners will have our children walking to school or waiting for the school buses.

The Police Department would like to remind drivers to slow down in school zones and know bus routes. The school zones will be strictly enforced to protect the safety of our students, parents, and school staff.

Please remember – regardless of the direction you are traveling, **YOU MAY NOT PASS A SCHOOL BUS WITH FLASHING LIGHTS OR THE STOP SIGN EXTENDED** - this indicates loading/unloading.



## DUVALL HERITAGE FESTIVAL RETURNS

Join us for the Duvall Heritage Festival on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, from 10am-4:30pm at the historic Dougherty Farmstead on Cherry Valley Road (across from Cherry Valley Elementary).



As part of the King County Harvest Celebration Farm Tour, the Duvall Heritage Festival celebrates the history and heritage of Duvall and the people who live here.

Activities include tours of the historic farmstead, hands-on logging demonstrations, live performances of song and story, and demonstrations of traditional crafts and skills. All activities are FREE to the public thanks to the Duvall Cultural Commission and the Duvall Historical Society.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**September 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>: City Council Meetings** - 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Duvall Fire Station.

**September 17<sup>th</sup>: Planning Commission Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at the Duvall Community Center.

**September 19<sup>th</sup>: Fire Department 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Duvall Fire Station. The dedication ceremony is at 1 pm. Go to [www.duvallfire45.com](http://www.duvallfire45.com) for more information.

**September 26<sup>th</sup>: Annual Outdoor Quilt Show**– 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Downtown Duvall.

## SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

**A**re you prepared? During National Preparedness Month, the Carnation-Duvall Citizen Corps reminds you that all "crises are local." Think smart and think ahead. With the onset of what the CDC is now predicting will be an early and hard-hitting flu season and with our local flood and snow season just around the corner, local citizens are sure to be affected on many levels. Below are some resources to help you stay informed and prepared:

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):** <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>

**For guidance on preparing the workplace for an influenza pandemic:** [http://www.osha.gov/Publications/influenza\\_pandemic.html](http://www.osha.gov/Publications/influenza_pandemic.html)

**Pandemic Flu Information:** <http://www.pandemicflu.gov/>

**Carnation-Duvall Citizen Corps:** <http://carnationduvallcitizencorps.org/>

**King County Health:** <http://kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/preparedness/pandemicflu.aspx>

**King County Emergency Preparedness & Safety:** <http://kingcounty.gov/safety.aspx>

**City of Duvall Snow Information:** <http://www.duvallwa.gov/appsformspubs/publicworksappsformspubs.html>

## TOP 10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO REDUCE STORMWATER RUNOFF



- **Maintain your car or truck.** Never dump anything down a storm drain. Always recycle used oil, antifreeze and other fluids. Fix oil leaks in your vehicles.
- **Wash your car at a commercial car wash** rather than in the street or in your driveway. If you wash your car at home, wash it on your lawn.
- **Drive less.** Leave your car at home at least one day each week and take a bus, carpool or bike to work. Combine errands when you drive. Get vehicle emissions checked and repaired. Buy a low emission vehicle. Less vehicles on the road means less emissions and runoff.
- **Cut down on fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.** If you use these chemicals, follow directions and use them sparingly. Don't fertilize before a rainstorm. Consider using organic fertilizers. Let your lawn go golden brown in the summer months; it will rebound in the fall. Compost or mulch lawn clippings. Preserve existing trees or plant new ones. Trees hold rainfall and help manage stormwater.
- **Remove part or all of your lawn.** Lawns require a lot of watering, mowing and caring. Replace part of your lawn with native, drought-resistant plants. Add compost to planting soil and dress it with mulch to improve plant growth and reduce stormwater runoff.
- **If you are on a septic system, maintain the system.** Septic systems require regular inspections, maintenance and pumping, or they will fail, cost a lot of money to fix and could pollute nearby lakes and streams. Have a professional inspector check your system regularly and have it pumped out when needed.
- **Pick up after your pets and keep animals out of streams.** Scoop up after your dog and properly dispose of it. Also, make sure fences and other structures are keeping cows, horses and other animals out of streams. Compost manure in a designated area so that it doesn't wash off into nearby waterways.
- **Reduce impervious surfaces at home and increase the vegetated land cover** of your property. Impervious surfaces include your roof, driveway, patios and lawn. Reduce rooftop runoff by directing your downspouts to vegetated areas, and not to the storm drain on your street. For your driveway and patios, consider putting in permeable paving or patterns of cement and brick that allow water to filter through it.
- **Support your local storm or surface water program.** Programs to maintain a community's stormwater system, prevent flooding and protect natural resources may cost money in the short run but save money for damages to public and private property in the long term. Take advantage of opportunities to educate yourself and your family about your local watershed. Consider volunteering for stream restoration or other local volunteer projects.
- **Make smart growth choices.** Choose to live in a neighborhood that provides you with all conveniences: low maintenance homes and lawns, nearby shopping, walking paths, easy-access to buses and trains, and green, open spaces to enjoy.